## HOUSE RESOLUTION 176 By Patton

A RESOLUTION To congratulate David Earl and Emma Lee Ferguson on the celebration of their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

WHEREAS, This General Assembly takes great pleasure in honoring those successful marriages that have prevailed to serve as standards for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, On June 30, 1951, David Earl Ferguson and Emma Lee Devotie were joined in marriage in Elizabethton by the Reverend J.C. Howington; since that happy day, this outstanding couple has faced the world as one, depending upon their love for each other during both life's joys and sorrows; and

WHEREAS, A retired carpenter, David Ferguson earned the respect of his peers and clients alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, Emma Ferguson retired from Texas Instruments, where she diligently and ably served for many years; and

WHEREAS, For fifty years this union has endured to serve as a testament to the power of love and family; and

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WHEREAS, This couple's praiseworthy marriage has produced three wonderful children,

Danny Ferguson, Benny Ferguson, and Kathy Ferguson; and

WHEREAS, David Earl and Emma Lee Ferguson have seven loving grandchildren and two beautiful great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson are the epitome of good neighbors, and they always endeavor to treat others as they would like to be treated; and

WHEREAS, On Saturday, June 30, 2001, David Earl and Emma Lee Ferguson, with their family and friends, celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary; and

WHEREAS, Marriages such as the Ferguson 's represent the best of our society, as they remind us of the beauty and value of continuity and commitment; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby honor and congratulate David Earl and Emma Lee Ferguson on the celebration of their fiftieth wedding anniversary and extend to them our best wishes for much continued happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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